

REMARKS

The enclosed application is a 35 U.S.C. §1.53(b) divisional application of Ser. No. 10/441,567 filed May 20, 2003 ("the parent application"). The parent application Ser. No. 10/441,567 has been allowed but has not yet issued. The issue fee for Ser. No. 10/441,567 is due on March 15, 2003. Thus, this divisional application filed herewith is co-pending with the parent application as required under 35 U.S.C. §1.53(b).

Applicants have submitted herewith pursuant to 35 U.S.C. §1.53(b) a copy of the Declaration from the parent application, Ser. No. 10/441,567 with a cover letter explaining that the copy of the Declaration is for the attached divisional application. Applicants have also, as suggested in M.P.E.P. §201.06(c), attached an adhesive label to the copy of the Declaration. The label indicates that the Declaration is intended for the enclosed divisional application submitted herewith.

Applicants have inserted on the first page after the title the related U.S. application information for the subject application. Applicants respectfully submit that no new matter is added to the present application.

Applicants' undersigned attorney received a telephone call from Examiner Morris concerning the application Ser. No. 10/021,201 which is the grandparent application of the present application. The Examiner informed Applicants' attorney that the printing division of the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office had returned the parent application to the Examiner because it contains two Graphs in the specification. The Examiner advised Applicants' attorney that the Graphs could either be removed from the application or alternatively, Applicants should resubmit the Graphs as Figures for printing. As suggested by the Examiner, Applicants submitted an amendment under 37 C.F.R. 1.312(a) in the grandparent application making the above mentioned changes. Applicants, also via preliminary amendment amended the parent application, Ser. No. 10/441,567. In view of the amendment to the grandparent application, and the parent application, Applicants now via preliminary amendment also amend the divisional application in the same manner.

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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Applicants herein make available to the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office a copy of PTO-FB-A820, which lists references, cited by the Applicants. Applicants have enclosed copies of references, which are listed on the PTO-FB-A820.

The Examiner is requested to consider carefully the complete text of these references in connection with the examination of the above-identified application in accord with 37 C.F.R. § 1.104(a). It is believed the Examiner will concur with Applicants' belief that the subject matter presently claimed is neither anticipated nor rendered obvious by the foregoing references.

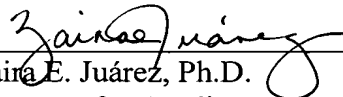
It is requested that the references listed on the attached form PTO-FB-A820 be included in the "References Cited" portion of any patent issuing from this application (M.P.E.P. § 1302.12).

Applicants do not believe any fee is due in connection with this Amendment, however, if any fee is due Applicants provide authorization for any such fee to be deducted from Deposit Account No. 16-1445.

A favorable response is requested. Applicants undersigned attorney request the Examiner call him at the phone number listed below with any questions regarding this amendment.

Respectfully submitted,

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Enclosures: Form PTO-FB-A820
Copy of Declarations from Ser. No. 10/441,567
Appendix A (Figure 1 and Figure 2)
References (13)